MEMORANDA

Became a Commissioner of the Department of Water and Power in July 1924 - served to March 1930.

The Colorado River Aqueduct Association was organized in Pasadena in 1924 under the leadership of Hiram Wadsworth and the present Director from Santa Ana, Colonel Finley.

W. B. Mathews and James H. Howard drafted the legislation for the Metropolitan Water District Act.

Wm. Mulholland made a personal survey of the possibility of building an aqueduct to the Colorado River about 1923.

On June 2, 1925, the City of Los Angeles voted 2 million dollars in bonds for the purpose of carrying on engineering and investigation work.

With the exception of some tax funds, all the activities of the District were financed under this bond issue until May 1, 1930, when the project was taken over by the District. In fact, until this date the District occupied quarters at 222 S. Hill Street in the building of the Department of Water and Power.

The District was organized under the Act adopted in 1927 under the initiative of the City of Pasadena, Mr. W. B. Mathews of the Department of Water and Power directing the legal activities.

When the District was organized in 1928, Los Angeles was represented by 3 Directors, Dr. John R. Haynes, Mr. John R. Richards, and Mr. W. P. Whitsett, who were also members of the Water and Power Commission.

Until 1930, when the two Boards separated at the request of Mayor Porter, the Directors of the District were also Commissioners of the Department of Water and Power.

The Department of Water and Power established the original water filing on the Colorado River in 1924, which was taken over by the District.

The Department of Water and Power and the District also cooperated in the execution of the contracts for power and water which made possible the building of Boulder Dam, of such importance to both organizations.